

MISCELLANY

From time to time in this department of California and Western Medicine, appear columns grouped under the following headings: Comment on Current and Recent Articles in this Journal; News; Medical Economics; Readers' Forum; California State Board of Health; and California Board of Medical Examiners. For Book Reviews, see index on the front cover, under Miscellany.

NEWS

Reapportionment of Delegates to American Medical Association, 1928—The necessity of completed membership returns before April 1, 1928, is emphasized by the following letter from Dr. Olin West:

"Dear Doctor Pope: The last reapportionment of delegates was effected at the seventy-sixth annual session held at Atlantic City in 1925. Another reapportionment will therefore be made at the seventy-ninth annual session of the Association to be held in Minneapolis, June 11-15, 1928. As the reapportionment will be made on the basis of the membership in constituent associations *as that membership has been reported and recorded on the membership records of the American Medical Association on April 1, 1928*, it is important that this office shall have complete reports of the membership of your association so that the names of all members may be duly recorded in this office before April 1, 1928.

This matter is brought to your attention now in order that you may remind the secretaries of your component county medical societies of the need of the fullest possible reports of membership in their respective organizations.

Delegates already elected or to be elected for service in the House of Delegates for the seventy-ninth annual session of the American Medical Association in June, 1928, will be in no way affected by the reapportionment to be made in Minneapolis.

On January 1, 1928, the membership of the American Medical Association, which of course is the combined membership of its constituent state and territorial associations, was 94,238. It is sincerely hoped that this splendid membership will be maintained and even increased by the affiliation of desirable and eligible physicians and that the membership in your state will be maintained at a figure that will insure that there will be no reduction of representation in the House of Delegates.

Very truly yours,

OLIN WEST,

Secretary American Medical Association."

The Clinical and Statistical Section of the Los Angeles County Medical Association has undertaken the publication of the "Daily Program" giving all operations and clinics held in the accredited hospitals of the city. All members of the Association and visiting physicians are invited to attend these clinics. Out-of-town visitors may secure information concerning each day's program through the office of the Clinical and Statistical Section of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, 412 West Sixth Street.

It is the ultimate object of the section to pay particular attention to the compilation of statistics by keeping an accurate report of operations and results.

The dates for the Lane Medical Lectures which are to be given by Dr. F. d'Herelle, Directeur du Service Bacteriologique du Conseil Sanitaire, Maritime et Quarantenaire of Alexandria, Egypt, and discoverer of

the bacteriophage phenomenon, have been tentatively fixed for the week commencing October 22, 1928. The subjects of the lectures will be as follows: Bacteriophagy; Bacterial Mutations; The Nature of the Bacteriophage; Infectious Diseases; The Phenomenon of Recovery.

In addition Doctor d'Herelle will give a general lecture at Stanford University on "Logic in Biological Researches."

Annual Meeting of the Northern California Association of Physiotherapists will be held at Sacramento, April 30, 1928, at 2:30 p. m., Room D, Auditorium.

Physiotherapy Procedures in the After Care of Cerebral Hemorrhage—Dr. William Bender, San Francisco.

Passive Motion: Its Place in the Treatment of Stiff Joints—Dr. E. W. Cleary, San Francisco. Discussion, Dr. J. Judson Sale, San Francisco.

Physiotherapy in Relation to Diseases of the Skin—Dr. H. E. Alderson, San Francisco.

The work of the State Department of Public Health in Infantile Paralysis—Demonstration by Miss Winifred Tougas, director.

Popular Lectures at Lane Hall—All interested are cordially invited to be present.

Friday evening, March 9, 1928, 8 p. m.: Protection against Tuberculosis—Dr. Frederick Eberson.

Friday evening, March 23, 1928, 8 p. m.: Prevention of Heart Disease—Dr. William Dock.

The thirteenth annual convention of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada and the second annual Hospital Clinical Congress of North America will be held in the Cincinnati Music Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 18 to 22, inclusive, 1928. The fourth annual convention of the International Guild of Nurses will be held at the same time, in the same building, at night meetings.

Outstanding authorities in medicine, surgery, pathology, nursing, dietetics and hospital administration, architecture and engineering, will lecture and demonstrate in specially planned clinics representing the various departments of the modern hospital. A professional program of the highest interest and value is now being formulated, and all persons interested in medical and hospital service are cordially invited to attend. Further information may be obtained from John R. Hughes, M. D., dean of the College of Hospital Administration, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who is general chairman of the convention and congress.

Conference on Rheumatic Diseases to be held at Bath, May 10 and 11, 1928. President of the conference, Sir George Newman, K.C.B., Hon. D.C.L.; LL.D. M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H., Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health.

Sessions:

Social Aspects—The Right Hon. Lord Dawson of Penn, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Hon. LL.D.;

M.D., F.R.C.P., physician to His Majesty the King, president.

Causation—Sir Humphry Rolleston, Bt., K.C.B., Hon. D.Sc., D.C.L., LL.D.; M.D., F.R.C.P., physician to His Majesty the King, Regius Professor of Physic, University of Cambridge, president.

Treatment—Sir E. Farquhar Buzzard, K.C.V.O., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., physician to His Majesty the King, Regius Professor of Medicine, University of Oxford, president.

Organizing Committee—F. G. Thomson, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., chairman; Rupert Waterhouse, M.D., M.R.C.P.; R. G. Gordon, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.P.E.; Vincent Coates, M.C., M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P., honorable medical secretary; John Hatton, honorable organizing secretary.

The Hebrew Physician (HaRofeh HoIvree), the only medical journal published outside of Palestine which is written in Hebrew, has just made its initial appearance.

This journal is under the editorship of Doctor Moses Einhorn and Dr. A. Goldenstein. It contains articles on general medical subjects and has a special section devoted to new Hebrew medical terminology. All physicians who are interested in this journal are requested to communicate with the editors, addressing them care of The Hebrew Physician, 286 West Eighty-sixth Street, New York City.

Professor Julius Bauer, professor of medicine in the University of Vienna, and physician-in-chief to the polyclinic, is coming to this country under the auspices of the American College of Physicians, and will deliver several lectures and also the Convocation oration before that body at their next meeting in New Orleans, the 5th to the 9th of March.

He is well known to many American students because of his clinic on endocrinology, which is held in that hospital.

Professor Bauer is not only an interesting personality possessed of an encyclopedic type of mind, but he is also a great student, an admirable teacher, and a splendid lecturer, who speaks English fluently. His coming visit to this country should give many of our physicians an unusual opportunity to learn at first hand his now much-discussed ideas of constitutional pathology and the endocrine glands.

A Nation-Wide Campaign for the Early Diagnosis of Tuberculosis—The National Tuberculosis Association, with its fifteen hundred state and local affiliations, with the support of the American Medical Association and the American Public Health Association, is sponsoring an "Early Diagnosis of Tuberculosis" campaign during the month of March.

The aim of the campaign is twofold: first, to focus the attention of the public at large upon the danger signs of early tuberculosis, and to urge them to go to their doctor for an examination; and second, to stimulate renewed interest on the part of the medical profession in the recognition of early signs of tuberculosis.

The cooperation of every physician in the state is sought to encourage the physical examination of the apparently well during the month of March.

The California Tuberculosis Association, through its executive secretary, Edith Tate Thompson, is prepared to supply upon request very striking public health bulletins and literature on the subject of the importance of physical examination and early diagnosis. This organization will also supply newspaper and other publicity mediums with plenty of material preceding and during the campaign.

Motion pictures for lay audiences entitled "Let Your Doctor Decide," and another for medical groups entitled "The Doctor Decides," will be used throughout the state. Speakers for county medical societies will be supplied on request.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO *

EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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From some editorial notes:

... The attention of the members of the State Society is directed to the announcements printed elsewhere concerning the annual meeting to be held in April at Santa Barbara. ...

... As the membership of the State Society now is over one thousand, with some County Society additions to be made between this time and the meeting, the thirty-third annual meeting will bring together representatives from every part of the state, and the exchange of fraternal greetings by members of the profession living in this great empire of California can only be productive of good. ...

... Thieves, scoundrels and patent-medicine fakers have long appreciated the advantage accruing from the association of common interests; but honest men seem as yet to realize it only to a limited degree and trifling extent. ...

... For many years the Register of Physicians in California, formerly published by the secretary of the Board of Examiners, has been a very useful volume. The changes in the state law, together with the retirement of the former secretary, have resulted in the abandonment of the publication of this volume by the Board of Examiners. ...

... It seems to resolve itself into a choice whether it is better to have some money lying idle in the bank or to do something worth the doing, that will be for the benefit of the membership and the profession at large. ...

... In April, 1902, the State Society was reorganized on the plan of county society membership requirement for eligibility to membership in the State Society. ...

... The members of the State Society should certainly take much credit to themselves for their action in recommending that the annual volume of Transactions be abolished and that a journal be substituted. Certainly very few people ever look into an annual volume of transactions, and while some may not study the pages of a journal, or look at it after its volumes are completed, their attention is called to its existence and to the vitality of the society publishing it, at least twelve times each year. ...

... Every physician either is or is not honest and honorable and ethical, so far as the practice of his profession is concerned. If he is honest and honorable in his professional work he should be a member of his local and state society; if he is not, he should not be permitted to join such societies nor to retain his membership in them if he has already joined. ...

... A special committee to investigate thoroughly the proposed plan of the National Bureau of Medicines and Foods (as published elsewhere in this issue), and to report to the House of Delegates at the New Orleans meeting of the American Medical Association, has been appointed by the president, Dr. Frank Billings. ...

... Three bills were presented at the late session of the legislature, the purposes of which were to change, in various particulars, the provisions of the existing law regulating the practice of medicine and

* This column aims to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of state society work some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and recent members.